

The Port Arthur News

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, BURNTON, TEXAS, DALLAS, TEXAS, DALLAS, TEXAS

PRICE FIVE CENTS

SHORT STORIES

FOIL JAIL DELIVERY OF MER ROUGE SLAYER

TURK'S DEMAND U. S. WITHDRAW

Ask That America Be Denied Voice at Lausanne

PROTEST IS FILED

Object to Christian Amnesty, Free Armenia

JUANNE, Dec. 30.—The Turks today demanded that the United States denounce a vote in the Lausanne conference.

You could never not to make a million and live up to it in spite of all indications to the contrary.

You could swear off shooting elephants, and, without an uncommon streak of bad luck, you shot no elephants.

You could swear off smoking, which you had to do if you got any cigar for Christmas.

You could swear off causing traffic jams, and yet break it more, than once, or perhaps just half that often.

Finding simple things to swear not to do have been as easy as convincing a girl she is the exact image of a movie star.

But finding simple things to swear to do have been as hard as convincing a bewinged girl she is knock-kneed.

Realizing the terrible shortage of simple things to swear to is S. S. is giving away a list free.

This list is so easy a college graduate can grasp it.

MODEL TO COME IN CITY LIMITS?

Waco Case Parallel to Port Arthur, Dyson Says

As a result of a recent decision handed down in the Texas state supreme court in a case involving the annexation of territory by Waco without amending the city charter, Mayor J. P. Logan is investigating the case with a view of extending the city limits of Port Arthur to include the Model addition.

That you will let the sun continue to rise just about晌午

That you will be too rich you will pay your taxes.

That you will be personal motion picture a screen.

That you will let your colds get well of their own accord.

That you will wear what the style masters say wear.

That you will let Wednesday come between Tuesday and Thursday.

That you will kiss any girl who comes in from the rain.

That the mailing list shall stay strong as far as you are concerned.

That you will jump when your wife tells you to jump.

That you will let Amendment visit the north pole for you.

That you will never insist there be two nights without a day between.

That you will be behind with your greater bill.

That you will say this is the worst blanket-blank country in the universe, even though you know it is the best.

Our ninety-nine-year guarantee that none of these resolutions will be broken, no matter how flimsy they are made, goes to every News reader.

But what we started out to say was "Happy New Year."

Youth Ill of Liquor Sold by Constable

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 30.—Kearney L. McCabe, Texas student in Oklahoma University, Norman, is seriously ill at a local hospital and H. C. Cottelle, constable at Norman, is being held in jail there on charges of violation of prohibition laws following the alleged sale of liquor by Cottelle to McCabe.

Police are alleged to have watched Cottelle make a liquor sale to a brother of McCabe before arresting the former. McCabe is suffering acute alcohol poison, hospital attaches said.

COLONEL TOWN DIES
AT SAN TOME HOME

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 30.—Colonel Francis L. Town, retired army officer, died here Saturday afternoon following a stroke of apoplexy. Christmas Day. He was 88 years old. Entering in the Union army at the outbreak of the civil war, he remained in the service after the war and was retired in 1868. The body will be sent to Lancaster, N. H., for interment.

BODY OF MURDERED
VET BURNED IN SAND

KENOSHA, Wis., Dec. 30.—Partly buried in a pile of sand and asphalt, the body of John Parrot, 27, world war veteran, was found under a tree in the Vaseline Woods south of here today.

Investigation by officials revealed that the man had undoubtedly been murdered and carried to this lonely spot.

SHOWER

East Texas, generally
fair, except around the extreme east
coast, where severe Northwest
Monday.

West Texas: Friday and Monday
fair; high pressure, no temperature.

MOLCOMBE LEADS

Houston Mayor Ahead in Houston City Election

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 30.—Late tabulations from the polls here tonight indicated that Oscar Molcombe, too, was the democratic nomination for mayor over Murray B. Jones, who is said to have had the support of the Mr. Klar Man.

With 16,530 votes counted, Molcombe's lead was 1,300. The total vote will not be over 30,000, observers said tonight, and it was thought there was no possibility for any upsets.

RED CROSS VOTE COUNT TUESDAY

Only 63 Ballots Cast in Election Saturday

Although only 63 votes were cast in the election Saturday for 10 directors for the Port Arthur Red Cross chapter, returns on the election will not be available until next week, due to a misunderstanding among the election judges as to who should count the votes. Mrs. A. F. Graham, in charge of the ballot boxes, said Saturday night.

Very little interest was manifested in the election, Mrs. Graham stated, and with about two exceptions, those who voted did so only when their attention was called to the election by the judges at the polls in the lobby of the Crowell-Gifford company store.

ROUND HOUSE BURNS
WITH \$100,000 LOSS

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 30.—Damage estimated at \$100,000 was caused by fire which early today burned part of the Texas and Pacific roundhouse here.

Two engines and about 20 feet of the east end of the structure were burned.

There was no possibility for any upsets.

Neff Urges Teeth for Dry Law

Piston Pops Through Engine As Savage Is Put in Rear Axle and Tourist Dives Into Marsh

Driver, His Battery Down,
Makes Wild Ride But Escapes Death When Hurled
Through Windshield and Car Turtles

FLORENCEVILLE, Texas, Dec. 30.—The most drastic proposal made toward liquor law enforcement since Texas went "dry" with the adoption of the eighteenth amendment to the federal constitution were made here tonight by Governor Pat Neff. They included:

High Speed of Speed.

Legislation which would give a jail sentence to any person found in a public place under influence of intoxicants.

Legislation that would require any person elected or appointed to a public office to swear he hadn't visited Port Arthur on the backroads, suffering from exposure caused by his plunge in the mud when thrown clear from the car, and several severe cuts about the face and back from broken glass of the windshield, through which he was plunged head first.

Legislation providing for issuance of all-vehicles-even airplanes used in transporting "hooch."

Mass Repeal Laws.

Declaring that a "traditional and parasitic growth of technicalities have sucked the life blood out of the penal code of Texas," the legislative assembly that we need legislation in the interest of citizens and against criminals, and outlined what he believed should be done to "revive, revalue and reelectrify" the state's criminal law.

Bowers told a remarkable story of his experience.

One thing is certain—Port Arthur must prepare itself for an option again favorable to the district. Moral support of its voters in turning out election day will determine the fate of the proposal of one of their greatest advocates that Port Arthur is indeed favored to the proposal.

Port Arthur has interested itself in Read control. It has interested itself in the suppression of vice. It has interested itself in the protection of the city from the enemies of the city. It has interested itself in doing different things, progressively, for a clean, comfortable, sanitary city of homes. It must go to the polls Monday or lose its face.

After making the necessary arrangements, I took the courage and the bacon and forced it into the differential, figuring that perhaps there was enough grease in them to keep the car moving and started off again.

It had been my custom to camp by the roadside and cook my own meals, he said. In the back seat was some bacon, which I had planned to eat for supper, and about half a pound of bacon.

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Boone dropped a silver pencil in the press and went under to search for it. The press gradually closed around him and the lower portion of his body was crushed, causing paralysis.

NEFF TO SPEAK AT
MASASOTA JUNE 2

MASASOTA, Texas, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made here today that Governor Neff will speak to the people of this city and county here January 2.

The announcement was made following a telephone conversation with the executive.

BIG 'COKE' HAUL \$30,000 Worth Seized at Thornton, Texas

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 30.—Two suit-cases containing morphine valued at approximately \$30,000 were seized when a man was arrested at Thornton, Texas, today, according to reports to federal narcotic officers here.

The haul was the largest of its sort made in this state in years, it was said. The man, who gave his name as W. T. Stockton, was taken to Waco, where he was released on bond of \$2,500, it was said.

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HARDING TURNS TO "BULL-DOG" PIPE FOR CHEER

BY HARRY HUNT
NEA Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—No president ever had both inspiration and inspiration more readily at hand than Warren G. Harding.

At the left on his desk is a framed cabinet-size picture of George Washington.

This likeness is before Harding in every conference, as he ponders every straight stem; one long and slightly curved, and two shorter ones, one approaching bulldog bluntness, and they say he has been smoking the bulldog one more frequently of late.

James Sherwood Montgomery, massive and dignified chaplain of the House of Representatives, has a warm spot in his heart for the hobo.

As a youngster in Shelbyville, Ind., Montgomery used to pay frequent visits to Monroe. Car fare not being plentiful, he resorted to "bumming" a freight.

Twice on one trip young Montgomery had been hoisted from his flat-top "bullion" by a husky brakeman. But each time he managed to elude aboard again.

At the third discovery the irate brakeman demanded:

"Say, young feller, where the hell you going?"

"To Monroe, if my pants hold out."

The rambunctious brakeman dropped. The trainman's frown changed to a grin.

"Nature scalped Nick, but I skinned him."

Can't Quit

GUARDS FIRE ON PROWLERS WHO RETURN VOLLEY

Military Fears Incident May Flare into Civil War

HOSTILE GROUPS

Father Denies Boy Attempted to Slay McKoin

MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 30.—An attempt to liberate T. J. Burnett, held in the Morehouse parish jail at Bastrop on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Watt Daniels and Thomas F. Richards by a masked mob near here last August was frustrated here last night, one of the sentries on duty at the jail sped men running in the dark behind the building and called at them to halt.

Receiving no reply, they called again and when they refused to answer fired three shots in the direction of the shadows.

Proverb: Fire Valley.

The provokers answered the volley with a number of shots and escaped.

News of the brush with the men became known when Lieutenant Everett Dean, officer of the day troops guarding the jail, reported the incident to headquarters of the troops.

Military authorities declined to comment, fearing the spark that would ignite a flare of civil war rolling throughout the community.

With two companies of national guardsmen on the scene and the populace divided into hostile groups over the investigation, the guard was a picture of indecision.

20. Near Custody.

Reports tonight said from fifteen to twenty members of the mob which had driven the bodies of Daniels and Daniels in Lake La Fourche after torturing them will be taken into custody.

Authorities refused to divulge the number, under surveillance as a result of alleged confessions of two members of the mob, but intimated that not more than twenty men would be placed under arrest when the roundup gets under way.

Absolute proof that neither Daniels nor Daniels were guilty of the attempted assassination of Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge who is being held in Baltimore on a charge of murder in connection with the case, will be presented at the opening hearing, J. L. Daniels, father of Watt Daniels, stated tonight.

That the kidnapping and subsequent murder of the two men was staged as "retaliatory" for the attempted assassination of Dr. McKoin, is the firm belief of Daniels.

POLICE SEEK SLAYER
OF NEGRO FOREMAN

Police carried on a search throughout the night for a negro man wanted in connection with shooting of Tedd Holloman, negro, who died Saturday afternoon in Mary Gates hospital as a result of a bullet wound through the abdomen, inflicted Christmas day in a place across the tracks known as the Marble Heart saloon.

Holloman was employed by the C. C. Peeler stevedoring firm as foreman, and had worked in Port Arthur for a number of years. Up until late Saturday night efforts of the police to locate his alleged slayer had been futile.

JEFFERSON ALIENS RUSH
TO GET FIRST PAPERS

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 30.—The rush of foreigners to obtain first papers before the alien law became effective Monday made it necessary for the United States district clerk to remain open the entire afternoon. The number of foreigners making application during the past week has not yet been totalled.

ANOTHER MYSTERY
SOLVED BY

M. JONQUELLE

Prefect of Police of Paris and pre-eminent in the field of crime detection.

"The Mottled
Butterfly"

By

Melville Davisson Post

Starts Tuesday, Jan. 2, in

THE NEWS

7 DOLLAR A YEAR MEN INDICTED

War Frauds Jury Charges Conspiracy

HIGH-UPS INVOLVED

Accused of 100 'Overt Acts' in Camp Construction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The entire war camp construction program of the Wilson administration was severely arraigned here today in the indictment of seven former high war department officials by a special war frauds grand jury on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government.

Logan Gives Outline of Problems Facing Port Arthur for 1923

Mayor Reviews 1922 Progress

New Year Finds Problems Needing Solution

By J. P. LOGAN

Mayor of Port Arthur

With the young New Year dawning it is well for men and communities and even civilizations to take stock of their assets and liabilities. As the auditor of the commercial world sets down figures on the credit and the debit sides of the ledger in his task of determining the profit or loss of the year past, so should we all list our needs and achievements in the moral affairs of our lives, so that we might know whether we have grown better or worse—whether we have gained or lost during the past twelve months.

The word "moral" encompasses more than the mere manner of living among our people. It includes also our social and civic relations, one with another, and the things we have done and left undone which go to make life more worth the living for ourselves and neighbors.

In the latter category properly belongs those things which lie within the scope of municipal endeavor and civic effort. It is with such as these that your mayor should address you on this the eve of the New Year, the season when hope springs forward in the human breast and drives us onward to higher aims and greater energies for the coming season of labor.

A glance usually suffices to encompass the past; no vision may bring the future before us. In model affairs, our city's past alone is a guide to its probable future, and only he who fully appreciates its wonderful progress in material things and its steady trend upward in moral matters may partially prophesy the things the coming years hold in store.

The Moral Uplift.

While your administration is of course proud of its part in the material improvement of the city, your officials find their greatest source of pride in the better moral conditions prevailing now when compared with those which so sorely tested the conscience of the people when they honored us with their trust and confidence. All that has been done, while much still is a long way from "enough," but the fact that the people—at least the vast majority of them—have responded so splendidly to the movement for cleaner living and more effective enforcement of the laws is a harbinger of perfect success in time.

No community can rise above the general average of character among its citizenship, but on the other hand, no community in its moral phases reflects the quality of those who who control its affairs. The people in all communities are characteristically passive in their resistance to the machinations of the bad among them, and frequently a meager minority may, because of this deplorable indifference on the part of the majority, give a drab tone to the community in matters of moral importance. But when the majority awakes, becomes militant, and by its support of the officials shows that its sympathies, abstract and concrete, are with them, then those of evil ways give way before the forces of righteousness like chaff before the wind.

It is to this militant righteousness among the vast majority of the people, more than to any other single influence, that Port Arthur is indebted for the changes that have been wrought during recent months. That your administrative and executive forces have had a part in this is a source of gratification to them, and for them I take this opportunity to extend to the citizenship of Port Arthur our pledge of continued activity in the war on vice and evil of every form until our progressive city shall stand in the forefront among the cities of the nation where clean living is the rule and exalted morality the dominant influence in the community.

New Court Bill.

In this connection I may state that your officials look forward with satisfaction to the proposed new court bill which certainly will be enacted by the next legislature. With such a court in operation here, officers of the law will find their task simplified because their power to punish will be greater and the wrong-doer of petty kind will have greater reason to fear and respect the law's strong arm.

Fresh Water.

Among our municipal problems of the future, the greatest is fresh water. This problem has been ours since the beginning and still is with us. All are familiar with the recent history of the movement to provide an adequate supply of this essential to the city's continued growth and development along industrial lines. In its present status the plans are somewhat nebulous, but I feel that, in the light of the very pressing necessity for a solution at the earliest possible date, the public will be willing to give its support to the water commissioners in their sincere efforts to find a plan which will be, at once practicable, acceptable to all interests, and adequate to the demands.

Athletic Field.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." For years the question of an athletic field for Port Arthur has agitated the minds of the younger generation here. The coming year ought to see this issue settled, and I pledge the co-operation of the administration with the civic clubs and other organizations in finding a proper situation within the city.

A gratifying announcement is that to the effect that the school board and the administration have reached an agreement to meet together on the 1st of January. The schools will allow greater free access to the school parks and the city in turn will concentrate

its efforts on improvement of parks near the schools.

Port Arthur is rich in park possibilities, and with its great plot of ground fronting the canal there is no limit to the work of ornamentation and beautification that might be carried out by the city, acting in conjunction with the citizens through their civic clubs.

Municipal Improvements.
The year has brought the most important progress in this department of recent years. With the bond issue voted by the people last year, your administration points with no little pride to the extension of the water mains and sewer service to practically every portion of the city, thus opening up for use by home owners valuable residential sites in hitherto undeveloped sections and tending in large measure to solve the housing problem, always so great in this rapidly growing city.

In addition to this, contracts already have been let and the work begun in some instances on the big street paving program, and within the next few months this work will be esti-

mated to be completed. According to the city engineer's estimates can be completed at a cost of approximately \$100,000, and your administration is committed to the policy of carrying out this work during the coming year.

While we have one of the most efficient fire departments in the south, considering the size of our city, we still are a little short of fulfilling the requirements of the state insurance board. Steps therefore, must be taken during the coming year to improve that service, so that our insurance rates may not be increased and our property better protected.

We have sufficient funds from our bond issue to partly provide the required additions, but it will be necessary to provide funds for the purchase of a 7,500-gallon pumper, build a small station near DeQueen boulevard and Ninth street and place about 25 additional alarm boxes.

Shreveport Avenue.

This exposure to the community and men to the health of the people must be met and dealt with during the coming year. This open cess-pool running through the very heart of the city is a detriment to our city that cannot be estimated in the matter of damage it does, not only in the ways mentioned above, but in its impression upon the visitor and seeker after a home or place of business.

I am advised by the engineering department that concrete conduit can be constructed at a cost of about \$20,000, which will almost be sustained by the present cost of repairs on Shreveport Avenue. The cost to the taxpayers would be inconsiderable, when the benefits to be derived are considered, and, since the entire community suffers from existing conditions, it follows that the entire community would be benefited by the proposed improvement. Citizens should issue bonds during 1923 for this very important improvement.

The Spill Bank.

Your administration now has up with the federal authorities the matter of the use of the spill bank as a site for wharves and docks. This is also highly important to the prosperity of the community and will incidentally remove from the landscape the unsightly fair which now exists under the eyes of every visitor to the city.

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Little Helen Calender is reported as this week.

Dr. J. G. Welch was a York visitor Tuesday.

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Good Evening Folks!

Diplomats make war; bankers make peace.
We trust 1923 isn't a stickler for precedent.

Another very good thing to take for a cough
is the cigarette cure.

An absent-minded married man is one who
puts coal on the cat and puts out the fire.

Sometimes one suspects that it wasn't Eng-
land the Irish hated so much as authority.

Penal statutes are not supposed to be a
shotgun; they are supposed to be a scare-crow.

Wives are persons who sit next to you and
whisper directions concerning the correct use
of the tableware.

The way Uncle Sam gets blamed for every-
thing, a stranger might think him Europe's
husband.

Too many of them think salesmanship con-
sists in showing you that you don't know what
you want.

Uncle Sam's great problem is to do some-
thing sensible without being accused of favoring
Germany.

It's a hard world. And about the time a man
learns to be hard-headed his arteries get that
way, too.

You can say one thing for the coal industry.
It doesn't put on a new strike until after the
old one stops burning.

The more we think of world profiteers, the
more we respect the fine quality that persuaded
Judas to hang himself.

They became large holders of real estate far
beyond the boundary lines of the old city of
Cleveland. In ten years Cleveland added 300,
000 to its population. Then the real estate
owned by the brothers became very valuable.

It was an acreage property when they pur-
chased it. It had been transformed into valu-
able residence lots by the growth of popula-
tion when they placed it on the market and
cleaned up a handsome fortune. They needed
a railway to enhance the value of their pas-
sions and they purchased one. Now they are
in the spotlight as owners of valuable railway
properties and as operators. It must be a
mistake to say that the age of individualism has
passed away. If it did pass away, then it is
scoring a come-back.

WAY OF THE WORLD

Roscoe Arbuckle has appealed to the Ameri-
can public to do him justice. In addition to this
he asks the American public to be merciful.
There is a vast deal of publicity to be obtained
by being unforgiving and censorious. It
was on the cross that the Nazarene forgave the
repentant thief. It hasn't happened since.

St. Louis detectives captured two men al-
leged to have been engaged in a \$1,000,000
swindle. It happened in one of the American
oil fields. There is a sucker born every sec-
ond and it appears almost impossible to protect
him.

WHAT IT COSTS

Prime Minister William Cuno of Germany
has proposed to the principal world powers a
new peace pact designed to maintain the peace
of Europe for the next thirty years by mutual
agreements. It will require about thirty years
for the peoples of Europe to forget the world
which began in 1914. That war cost the world
12,000,000 lives; it maimed or blinded another
12,000,000; it created an army of widows and
orphans; it piled up a debt of \$150,000,000,000.

American Reds have organized a national
workers party and hope some day to organize
a soviet America. Ludwig Lore is one of the
organizers of the party. When the American
Reds start in to establish a soviet America the
undertaker will be given a job by American
who believe in the government of the fathers
and the constitution they handed down to posterity.

KAHN AND HIS PLANS

Otto H. Kahn, an international banker, who
claims New York as his home, recommends the
policy of cancelling at least a portion of the
allied indebtedness to the United States. Then
he would fund the balance of the debt, loaning
the money to the allied nations for fifty
years, bearing an interest rate of 4 per cent
annually.

Why not the cancellation of all the debt
and be done with it. Otto H. Kahn's proposi-
tion, if submitted to the American people,
would be buried too deep for resurrection.
Allied governments owe the United States more
than \$11,000,000,000. If cancellation took
place, the American tax payers would be com-
pelled to pay the debt. There would be no other
way out of it. Now just why should they carry
the load?

Ogden Armour, under a Delaware charter,
has organized a \$160,000,000 corporation in or-
der to be able to handle the plant and the
affairs of the Morris Packing company. Ogden
Armour is the head of the Big Five. There
may come a time when he will be all that will
speak for the Big Five. Then there will be a
\$1,000,000,000 concern.

WHY THEY HATE HIM

Los Angeles says that Fatty Arbuckle is
not coming back in the movies and that Col.
Will H. Hays is on his way. The English of
this is that Hays may resign his \$125,000 a
year directorship. Los Angeles never did take
kindly to Colonel Hays. No, not Los Angeles,
but the drug sellers and dopesters who have
had rich picking in the vicinity of Hollywood.

PROSPERITY SIGN

American exports in November reached the
highest point of the year, according to a bul-
letin issued by the department of commerce,
showing a business totaling \$393,000,000. It
also carried the statement that American agri-
culture and industry generally benefited from
the increasing export business. Regardless of
the croakings of foreign rulers and their politi-
cal advisers prospects in foreign fields are
growing brighter.

AID FOR FARMERS

Thanks to the war finance corporation of
the government, the farmer is on the road
again. Almost a half billion dollars has been
advanced.



THE MISTAKES OF THE KAISER

By RENE VIVIANI

Premier of France When the War Broke Out
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CLOUDS OF WAR THICKEN

M. Poincaré and I left our country
on the morning of July 30, 1914. It was
locked tightly between the blue skies
and the blue waters, in that isolat-
ion which, for a man in public office,
is the reward of action, the president
of the French republic and I sat
chatting with each other. We were
journeying, with heads held high and
a sense of heart, toward peace, toward
solidarity among the regiments. His
government defrayed the expenses of
Lindau's journey to Russia!

It's just as easy to make friends after you
get old, but it is harder to find people you
are willing to be friends with.

The great need of the non-Christian nations

is Christianity. Still, you can say that much
about the Christian nations.

In India they have unearthed an ancient Gov-
ernment building. They expect to get through
the red tape some time next spring.

The human infant is the most helpless of all
animals. Otherwise he probably wouldn't be
saddled with a portion of the war debt.

Correct this sentence: "This is Billy's night
to call," said Daughter. "and I wish the family
would stay up and enjoy the evening with
us."

EAST DRAWS UPON CALIFORNIA OIL

Standard has an official newspaper mouth-
piece known as The Lamp. The Lamp says that
the East is going to draw upon California to
meet its needs from the petroleum fields of the
golden state via the Panama canal to the At-
lantic seaboard for the eastern refineries.

Approximately 9,000,000 barrels of petro-
leum are expected to be transported annually via
the canal and from this movement it is esti-
mated the United States government will get
\$250,000,000 in tolls.

The publication also says that it requires
slightly over twice as much tonnage to trans-
port the same quantity of oil from California
to the Atlantic as from Mexico. Two of the large-
st tankers in the world, the William Rockefeller
and John D. Archbold, each capable of
taking on 140,000 barrels, are to be drafted for
the service.

Also the round voyage of a tanker from New
York to San Pedro, a distance of approximately
ten thousand miles, involves consumption of
1,700 tons of fuel oil. With anticipated annual
movement of over 8,000,000 of oil The Lamp
says the vessels would consume over 750,000
barrels of fuel oil and the government would
receive a Panama tolls fee for every barrel
of oil moved from California.

There is a great fleet of large tankers en-
gaged in the Mexican trade, carrying the crude
from Mexico to the refineries on the Atlantic
seaboard. California is the largest producer of
petroleum, Oklahoma ranks second, Texas
third with Kansas a close fourth.

Louisiana and Arkansas are heavy producers
with the prediction by oil operators that the
latter state will take fourth place in the near
future, reducing Kansas to fifth.

Six months ago it was predicted that salt
water had ruined many of the larger wells in
the Tampico territory but Mexican exports of
oil continue to increase in volume and are larger
as the year bears its close than ever before.

Mexican crude is on the free list. It was
placed there by the democrats; it was not dis-
turbed by the republicans.

PROSPERITY SIGN

American exports in November reached the
highest point of the year, according to a bul-
letin issued by the department of commerce,
showing a business totaling \$393,000,000. It
also carried the statement that American agri-
culture and industry generally benefited from
the increasing export business. Regardless of
the croakings of foreign rulers and their politi-
cal advisers prospects in foreign fields are
growing brighter.

AID FOR FARMERS

Thanks to the war finance corporation of
the government, the farmer is on the road
again. Almost a half billion dollars has been
advanced.

news, parades, of the reception by the
emperor, so magnificent in her beauty,
with her blue eyes as piercing as a
sapphire? How long are it all? The
soil of Russia, a shroud that is always
frozen, hides the horrors of heatstroke
to escape from which neither rank
sign nor sex is shielded. The Emperor
William, in August, 1914, called for
solidarity among the regiments. His
government defrayed the expenses of
Lindau's journey to Russia!

And now, we are drawing closer
to the drama. We shall set forth
as the king of Sweden to look at ex-
tortions, without succumbing in free-
ing ourselves from the internal torture
of our thoughts. That evening at
our minister at Christiansia, pursuant
to order which I had given him over
the telephone, informed me that the
German emperor had left Berlin for
an unknown destination. The comedy
was drawing to an end. The real
trama was to be hurried onward by
the return of that innocent and naive
traveler.

We left Stockholm at 11 o'clock in the
morning that night. Never had I seen such a
contrast between nature and the painful
feelings of all those present. The
heavens had gathered over our heads
in all their splendor: the white wake
of our majestic ship was bathed in
light. In our minds, however, the
shadows were beginning to deepen.

Only *Heiter News of Ultimatum*

tried constantly to get news. A
piping, whistling sound would cut
through the air. What did it bring?

Nothing but an unintelligible message
in a sheet of paper! Another—only a
sentence bearing no relation what-
ever to anything else! And all the
time we were waiting to learn what
the Serbian answer was. Convinced

that counsels of moderation and prud-
ence had been given by France and

Russia, convinced of the sense of duty of

the noble little Serbian nation, we
felt sure in advance that its answer
would be conciliatory and of a nature
making possible an honorable settle-
ment.

On July 23, 1914, having learned that
the ultimatum was to be delivered at
2 o'clock in the afternoon, we tele-
graphed to our ambassador to Vienna
to inform him of our departure.

Allowing for the necessary lapses of
time, we calculated that the ultimatum
having been delivered at Belgrade at
5 in the afternoon, had not become
known to St. Petersburg until after
our departure.

Von Jagow's Secret Saying

Our journey had been good upon

the Lamp, Let readers form
their own opinion as to the extent of

their sympathy. This minister of for-
eign affairs who (as will be shown in
the course of later chapters) had de-
nied all knowledge of the ultimatum at
the end of July, having learned that
the ultimatum was to be delivered at
2 o'clock in the afternoon, tele-
graphed to Paris, in accordance with
an agreement which I had made with
that effect with M. Sazonoff. To
avert all danger, even remote, I in-
formed the government of the French
republic at Paris that if Austria
should make a demand upon Serbia,
M. Dumaev was to be requested in
advance to endeavor to have it couched
in a more acceptable form. On the
next day, July 24, while we were

steaming toward Sweden amid heavy
weather and upon a rough sea, some
sheets of messages, badly joined to-
gether, were brought to us by the in-
visible air waves. From that moment,

the shrill sound of the wireless pierce-
ing the horizon of our solitude, made

known to us, bit by bit, in separate
fragments, the ultimatum to Serbia,
the terms in which it was couched, its
threats, the undesired accusations

which Austria, having herself upon

the sea, had nothing on which to

shape our actions. How thought is
strengthened when it illuminates the
inner world which man carries within
himself! But what agony our

two countries had to undergo when
they were confronted with the necessity of acting

upon the outer world and is deprived

HANGING BY A THREAD

of every means of doing so!

On the morning of the 27th we re-
ceived the following: "Unsatisfactory
reply from Serbia, admirable in its
moderation." Addictively, in spite of this,
the Austrian minister had taken his
departure from Belgrade two hours
after he had received the reply. What
did this mean?

As we drew nearer to France, we re-
ceived the nature of the answer
from Serbia, which, though
moderately, served as the framework
for the situation. Germany, hailing
joyfully the return of her emperor, re-
fused to interfere with Austria, and
at the same time, arrogantly demanded
that we seek to influence Russia.
She can't be expected to do this.

Refusal of further delay; no inter-
ference from the rest of Europe; Eng-
land pushed aside; the conflict local-
ized, which meant the strangling of
Serbia out of our sight; Serbia in-
vaded; Belgrade bombarded; war
began; those were the successive
stages of the drama.

Decision to Return to France
On the preceding day we had de-
cided to return directly to France.

Up to then, the war toward our
country—selected with that horrid
monotony. Again, we had not
seen a moment.

On the morning of the 28th, we re-
ceived the following: "Unsatisfactory
reply from France, admirable in its
moderation." Addictively, in spite of this,
the French minister had taken his
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